

ILLINOIS

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the primary form for requesting registration and/or an absentee ballot from your local election official. **Read all instructions printed below and on the FPCA before completing and signing your application.**

FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)	
APPLICATION FOR STATE OF _____	COUNTY OF _____ CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF _____ §
I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.	
1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (See instruction 1.) a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) _____ b. SEX _____ c. RACE _____ d. DATE OF BIRTH _____ e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card) _____ M M D D Y Y _____	
2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.) a. YEAR _____ b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP _____ c. STATE _____ d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known) _____ _____	
3. VOTING RESIDENCE (For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in U.S. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.) a. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY _____ M M D D Y Y _____ b. NUMBER AND STREET (Do not use Post Office Box) _____ c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE _____ d. STATE _____ e. COUNTY OR PARISH _____ f. ZIP CODE (9 -digit, if known) _____	
4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.) _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	
5. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.) _____	
6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See Instructions.) _____	
7. REMARKS (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See Instructions.) _____ _____ _____	
8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT X only one: a, b, c or d I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: (See Instructions) a. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent. b. a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S. c. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent. d. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S. e. I am a U.S. citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribed to any required state/local oath or statement. f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated. g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S. h. The information on this form is true and complete. i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ j. DATE _____ M M D D Y Y _____	
9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE (If required by state law) DATE SIGNED _____ M M D D Y Y _____	

The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.

Application Instructions

Circled letters on the form above correspond to the instructions below. **You must complete all shaded areas.**

A. Do not leave blank. Enter "N/A" if not applicable or if you are a first time voter.

B. Provide the complete street address of your Illinois voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Item 7. For example: "on Highway _____, 2 miles past Highway _____, across the street from the _____ gas station." This address must be different from the one provided in Item 4 and must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

C. Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent — usually your current mailing address.

Your current mailing address must be different from the address you provided in Item 3.

D. **If you do not list a party affiliation, you cannot vote in primary elections.** You must indicate your political party affiliation when applying for a primary ballot (Example: Democrat, Republican) or write "none" in Item 6 of the FPCA. Political party choice is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections.

E. Check ONE box. U.S. Government employees must check "a" as defined in Section I(A) below.

F. The applicant must sign and date the FPCA for it to be processed by the local election official.

I. UNIFORMED SERVICES

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Illinois and members of the U.S. Service. Defined as:

- Members of the Uniformed Services and their family members when residing with them or accompanying them. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
- U.S. Government employees serving outside the U.S.

B. When To Do It

You may use a single FPCA to request ballots for all elections in a calendar year (for local, state and Federal offices).

Illinois waives your registration.

- (1) **To apply for an absentee ballot**, the local election official must receive your FPCA ballot request not later than 10 days before the election.
- (2) Return your voted ballot to the local election official so that it arrives in sufficient time for delivery to polling place which closes at 7 p.m. on election day.

Local election officials send regular absentee ballots 45 days before a primary or special election and 60 days before the general election.

If regular absentee ballots are not available 60 days before the general election, local election officials mail a Special Write-In Absentee Voter's Blank ballot with a list of candidates who have qualified to be on the ballot and all referenda for which the voter is qualified to vote.

If you are outside the U.S. and have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. See instruction in Chapter 2, page 12.

C. Oath/Witness Requirements

No registration or voting materials are sworn to or witnessed.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- Illinois allows you to send your FPCA applications for an absentee ballot by fax if you are a member of the Armed Forces. After faxing, submit the FPCA by mail.
- Illinois does not allow you to receive the blank ballot by fax.
- Illinois does not allow you to return the voted ballot by fax.

Please refer to Appendix D for specific instructions when transmitting election materials electronically. **Use only the following numbers:**

DSN 223-5527
(703) 693-5527
1-800-368-8683

E. Application For Ballot By Proxy

If you are a member of the U.S. Service, and your spouse, dependent, mother, father, sister, or brother is registered to vote in your election precinct of voting residence, he or she may use a special application provided by the election official to request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you.

Instructions continue in Section III: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

II. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Illinois and overseas citizens. The term "overseas citizen(s)" means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the U.S. and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in Illinois.

A. Who Can Do It

- Illinois residents temporarily residing outside the U.S. (Consult Section B below for ballot type eligibility)
- overseas citizens (for Federal office ballots only)

B. When To Do It

You may use a single FPCA to request ballots for all elections in a calendar year.

- (1) **If you are an unregistered Illinois resident temporarily residing outside the U.S.**, the local election official

cial must receive your FPCA not later than 30 days before the election. You will receive a state registration form along with a ballot for local, state and Federal offices. However, if your FPCA arrives less than 30 days, but not later than 10 days before the election, registration is waived and the local election official will send you a ballot for Federal offices only.

If you are a registered Illinois resident temporarily residing outside the U.S., the local election official must receive your FPCA not later than 10 days before the election. You will receive a ballot for local, state and Federal offices.

If you are an overseas citizen, the local election official must receive your FPCA not less than 10 days before the election. Your registration is waived and you will be sent a ballot for Federal offices only.

(2) Return your voted ballot to the local election official so that it arrives in sufficient time for delivery to the polling place which closes at 7 p.m. on election day.

Local election officials send regular absentee ballots 45 days before a primary or special election and 60 days before the general election.

If regular absentee ballots are not available 60 days before the general election, local election officials mail a Special Write-In Absentee Voter's Blank ballot with a list of candidates who have qualified to be on the ballot and all referenda for which the voter is qualified to vote.

If you have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. See instructions in Chapter 2, page 12.

C. Oath/Witness Requirements

Neither the FPCA, the state ballot application form, nor the ballot return envelope is sworn to or witnessed.

If you are an unregistered Illinois resident temporarily residing outside the U.S. and wish to vote a ballot for local, state and Federal offices, you may be required to have the state registration form sworn to before a person or officer authorized to administer oaths.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

Illinois does not allow electronic transmission of the FPCA, the blank absentee ballot or the voted absentee ballot.

Instructions continue in Section III: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

III. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons imprisoned for any crime may not register or vote. However, persons on parole are not prohibited from voting.

B. Cancellation of Registration

Registration is suspended unless a confirmation notice mailed to the registrant is returned prior to the next election. An application for ballot will reactivate the full registration during the period of two years if the registrant has not changed Illinois residence.

C. Action on Registration Requests

Notice of registration is sent by mail after an affidavit of registration is completed in duplicate and returned to the local election official.

D. Action If Registration Is Denied

Persons denied registration may appeal to the circuit court. Persons seeking to appeal should consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel.

E. Late Registration

Members of the U.S. Armed Forces or merchant marine or those discharged within 60 days of an election, who return to Illinois too late to register for the upcoming election are still entitled to vote in person in that election only by affidavit. Registration is not required.

F. Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the County Clerk, City Board of Election Commissioners, or County Board of Election Commissioners, as listed below:

County Clerks

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Adams	Quincy	62306-1169
Alexander	Cairo	62914-1717
Bond	Greenville	62246-1088
Boone	Belvidere	61008-2644
Brown	Mount Sterling	62353-1285
Bureau	Princeton	61356-2078
Calhoun	Hardin	62047-0187
Carroll	Mount Carol	61053-1044
Cass	Virginia	62691-1322
Champaign	Urbana	61801-4578
Christian	Taylorville	62568-0647
Clark	Marshall	62441-1275
Clay	Louisville	62858-0160
Clinton	Carlyle	62231-0308
Coles	Charleston	61920-2053
Cook	Chicago	60602-1304
Crawford	Robinson	62454-0602

County Clerks

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Cumberland	Toledo	62468-0146
De Kalb	Sycamore	60178-1497
De Witt	Clinton	61727-1628
Douglas	Tuscola	61953-0467
Edgar	Paris	61944-1785
Edwards	Albion	62806-1262
Effingham	Effingham	62401-0628
Fayette	Vandalia	62471-2755
Ford	Paxton	60957-1199
Franklin	Benton	62812-0607
Fulton	Lewistown	61542-1445
Gallatin	Shawneetown	62984-0530
Greene	Carrollton	62016-1033
Grundy	Morris	60450-0675
Hamilton	McLeansboro	62859-1489
Hancock	Carthage	62321-0039
Hardin	Elizabethtown	62931-0187
Henderson	Oquawka	61469-0308
Henry	Cambridge	61238-1232
Iroquois	Watseka	60970-1882
Jackson	Murphysboro	62966-2177
Jasper	Newton	62448-1973
Jefferson	Mount Vernon	62864-4012
Jersey	Jerseyville	62052-1662
Jo Daviess	Galena	61036-1827
Johnson	Vienna	62995-0096
Kane	Geneva	60134-3000
Kankakee	Kankakee	60901-3892
Kendall	Yorkville	60560-1621
Knox	Galesburg	61401-4991
Lake	Waukegan	60085-4364
La Salle	Ottawa	61350-1047
Lawrence	Lawrenceville	62439-2341
Lee	Dixon	61021-0385
Livingston	Pontiac	61764-1629
Logan	Lincoln	62656-0278
McDonough	Macomb	61455-2200
McHenry	Woodstock	60098-2693
McLean	Bloomington	61702-2400
Macon	Decatur	62523-1235
Macoupin	Carlinville	62626-0107
Madison	Edwardsville	62025-1913
Marion	Salem	62881-0637
Marshall	Lacon	61540-0328
Mason	Havana	62644-0071
Massac	Metropolis	62960-0429
Menard	Petersburg	62675-0465
Mercer	Aledo	61231-0066
Monroe	Waterloo	62298-1399
Montgomery	Hillsboro	62049-1196
Morgan	Jacksonville	62650-2063
Moultrie	Sullivan	61951-1969

County Clerks

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Ogle	Oregon	61061-0357
Peoria	Peoria	61602-1319
Perry	Pinckneyville	62274-0438
Piatt	Monticello	61856-0558
Pike	Pittsfield	62363-1496
Pope	Golconda	62938-0216
Pulaski	Mound City	62963-0109
Putnam	Hennepin	61327-0236
Randolph	Chester	62233-0309
Richland	Olney	62450-2170
Rock Island	Rock Island	61201-8627
St Clair	Belleville	62220-1639
Saline	Harrisburg	62946-1703
Sangamon	Springfield	62701-1632
Schuyler	Rushville	62681-0200
Scott	Winchester	62694-1238
Shelby	Shelbyville	62565-0230
Stark	Toulon	61483-0097
Stephenson	Freeport	61032-4399
Tazewell	Pekin	61554-4298
Union	Jonesboro	62952-0478
Vermillion	Danville	61832-5879
Wabash	Mt Carmel	62863-0277
Warren	Monmouth	61462-1797
Washington	Nashville	62263-1100
Wayne	Fairfield	62837-0187
White	Carmi	62821-1381
Whiteside	Morrison	61270-2819
Will	Joliet	60432-4060
Williamson	Marion	62959-2494
Winnebago	Rockford	61101-1276
Woodford	Eureka	61530-1274

City Board of Election Commissioners

City	Address	Zip Code
Aurora	5 S. Broadway	60505-3307
Bloomington	Law & Justice Center, P.O. Box 2400	61702-2400
Chicago	69 W. Washington	60602-3012
Danville	6 N. Vermillion	61832-5842
E. St. Louis	17 Collinsville Ave.	62201-3006
Galesburg	City Hall, Rm. 101	61402-1387
Peoria	542 SW Adams	61602-1553
Rockford	301 S. 6th St.	61104-2195

County Board of Election Commissioners

County	Address	Zip Code
Dupage	421 N. County Farm Rd. Wheaton, IL	60189-3942

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